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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS (CU/ARTS):
SOVIET TOUR OF ROY CLARK IN 1978

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1. WE INFORMED BY JIM HALSEY, MANAGER OF ROY CLARK
THAT NEGOTIATIONS UNDER WAY WITH GOSK FOR AN 18-21 DAY
TOUR OF ROY CLARK SHOW IN SOVIET UNION SOMETIME IN FEBRUARY
1978. HALSEY PLANNING COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOSK IN
MOSCOW SOMETIME BETWEEN APRIL 12-14. PLANNED ARRIVAL DATE
APRIL 11, ETD APRIL 15. WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY NICK
VANOFF, NOTED AMERICAN INDEPENDENT TV PRODUCER, AND INDIAN
ARTIST MINISA CRUMBO, DAUGHTER OF FAMOUS INDIAN ARTIST
WOODY CRUMBO. ACCORDING HALSEY, MINISA CRUMBO INVITED BY
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YELISEYEV TO PRESENT INDIAN ART SHOW IN SOVIET UNION.

2. ASIDE FROM BUCK TRENT, NEITHER CLARK NOR HALSEY HAVE
DETERMINED TYPE OF ACTS TO BE INCORPORATED IN SHOW FOR
PROJECTED TOUR IN 1978. PLANS ARE FOR POSSIBLE FOUR
CITY TOUR, MOSCOW, LENINGRAD, KIEV WITH FOURTH CITY TO BE
DETERMINED.

3. BESIDES FOOD/LODGING AND INTERNAL TRAVEL HALSEY WILL

SEEK WEEKLY PAYMENT OF DOLS 150,000 FOR ROY CLARK SHOW. GOSK (YELISEYEV) HAS ALREADY INFORMED HALSEY THROUGH IVANOVA THAT FEE SUBJECT TO FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS. SINCE LOCAL EXPENSES TO BE MET BY GOSK HALSEY PREPARED NEGOTIATE TO DOWNWARD FIGURE. WILL INSIST HOWEVER ON DOLLAR PAYMENT OF AGREED UPON FEE PAYMENT. HALSEY AWARE THAT PROJECTED TOUR OF CLARK SHOW WILL BE OUTSIDE OF OFFICIAL QUOTA OF TEN.

HALSEY SEEKING CONVERSION INTO DOLLARS OF RUBLE PAYMENT TO BE MADE BY GOSK. WE HAVE ENCOURAGED HALSEY SEEK FROM GOSK MAXIMUM PAYMENT IN DOLLARS, PARTICULARLY SINCE WE CANNOT ASSURE HIM OF THIS REQUESTED SUPPORT. FYI ONLY - IT POSSIBLE CLARK SHOW WOULD HAVE SOME PROGRAM VALUE AS A PERFORMING GROUP TO JUSTIFY SUPPORT FROM EMB'S APPROPRIATED FUNDS. CONTENT AND QUALITY OF PACKAGE TO BE PRESENTED WOULD BE FACTOR TO CONSIDER, HOWEVER. MOREOVER, SINCE AMOUNT OF MONEY INVOLVED NOT KNOWN AT PRESENT TIME, IT WAS A BIT PREMATURE FOR US LEND ENCOURAGEMENT TO HALSEY ON MATTER OF CONVERSION. HALSEY PLANS MEET WITH P&C AND WE ENCOURAGE HIM ARRANGE MEETING DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT. END FYI.

4. VANOFF AND HALSEY ALSO PLANS NEGOTIATE FOR ONE HOUR TV SPECIAL. HALSEY INDICATED INITIAL ASKING PRICE OF DOLS 250,000 TURNED DOWN BY SOVS (YELISEYEV) AS BEING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TOO STEEP AND SUBJECT TO FURTHER DISCUSSION AND NEGOTIATIONS.

5. NOTE: CU/ARTS DURING MARCH 16 MEETING WITH SUPAGIN/ NETTO/SAKOVICH RAISED QUESTION OF POSSIBLE TOUR BY ROY CLARK IN 1978. SUPAGIN ELUDED DIRECT REPLY TO QUESTION BY SAYING THAT PLANS ARE FOR ONLY HOI AND A SHOW FROM

CANADA (PAT HENRY) TO TOUR SOVIET UNION. FULL REPORT ON SUPAGIN VISIT FOLLOWS..

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